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Note verbale dated 9 July 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the United Nations, in its capacity as President Pro Tempore of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and would be grateful if the Office of the Secretary-General would circulate as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 121, "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the communiqué of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States regarding the incidents that occurred in Europe during the return flight to the Plurinational State of Bolivia of that country's President, Mr. Evo Morales Ayma (see annex).

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The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) expresses serious concern regarding the incidents of 2 July 2013, when, without warning or explanation, several European Governments denied or revoked overflight and landing clearance for the official aircraft of the President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, forcing the aircraft to make an emergency landing at the Vienna International Airport.

We express our rejection of these unwarranted actions, which jeopardized the safety of the Bolivian President and were contrary to the freedom of movement and jurisdictional immunity to which all Heads of State are entitled.

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States expresses its solidarity with President Morales and with the sister nation of Bolivia.

CELAC calls for a clarification and explanation of these actions, which constitute a violation of international law.